

INEEL Scholastic Tournament begins 15th year

The INEEL Scholastic Tournament staff is excited to begin the 15th year of competition for Idaho high schools. During the past 14 years, we have crowned 34 state champions and sent 26 teams to the National Science Bowl. Each year, we reach approximately 1,000 Idaho high school students in an effort to encourage them to pursue careers in math and science and to let them see the fun and excitement of competing in the largest National Science Bowl competition in the United States. Dates for this year's competition have been set and are listed in this issue of *Tournament Talk*.

Register Now!

It's never too early to register to compete. We have arranged for two easy ways to register your school to compete in this year's competition. An online registration form can be found by going to the INEEL Scholastic Tournament Web page at <http://education.inel.gov/scholastic-tournament/> and clicking on Registration Form. You can also fill out the form included in this issue of *Tournament Talk* and mail it to the address listed. In either case, a confirmation of your registration will be sent to you along with one set of practice questions.

Deadline for registering is Feb. 4, 2005.

Reclassification

Every three years, the INEEL Scholastic Tournament reclassifies schools, if necessary, according to the most recent enrollment figures for grades 9-12 as provided by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) and state Department of Education. The 2005 season will be the third year since the previous reclassifications in 2002. From the enrollment totals provided by the IHSAA, only one school will be affected for the upcoming competition season. Valley High School, with an enrollment of 213, will move from Class B to Class C.

Classifications and enrollment ranges can be found on our Web site at <http://education.inel.gov/scholastic-tournament/> under school classifications.

New Rules

There have been occasions in the past when students, who, because of their teams' success at the regional tournaments, have qualified for the state tournament but for one reason or another have not been able to attend the state tournament. In some cases, it has made it difficult for teams to field a legal team (a minimum of four) for the state



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2005 Regional Tournament Registration Form

Register your team now for the INEEL Scholastic Tournament Regional competition, scheduled for February and March 2005.

School name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Coach's name: _____

Coach's telephone: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

E-mail address: _____ Fax: _____

Return completed form to: Steve Zollinger, INEEL Scholastic Tournament, P.O. Box 1625, Idaho Falls, ID, 83415-2214. **Forms must be received by Feb. 4, 2005.**

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tournament. Therefore, the following change will be made to the official INEEL Scholastic Tournament rules effective for the 2005 season. Teams participating at the regional tournament will be allowed 12 players and as few as four. Each of those players must be in attendance at the regional tournament. A team qualifying for the state tournament will be allowed 10 players and each of them *must* have been present at the regional tournament. This will allow teams with students who have conflicts during the state tournament to still bring enough players to field a legal team. In the past, we have not crosschecked the registration from the regional tournament with the one at state, and hope not to in the future. We prefer to rely on your honesty and integrity, and appreciate your support for this new rule. The INEEL Scholastic Tournament rules can be found on our Web site at <http://education.inel.gov/scholastic-tournament/rules.asp>. If you have questions, please contact Steve Zollinger.



2005 Important Dates

There are dates for the upcoming regional, state and National Science Bowl competitions for 2005. The East Regional dates are pending the publication of class schedules and room availability for Idaho State University – University Place.

East Regional **University Place, Idaho Falls**

Class A, Monday, Feb. 28, 2005
Registration at 9 a.m.,
1st round, 10 a.m.

Class B, Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Registration at 8 a.m.,
1st round, at 9 a.m.

Class C, Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Registration at 1 p.m.,
1st round, 2 p.m.

North Regional **University of Idaho, Student Commons Bldg., Moscow**

Class C, Monday, March 7, 2005
Registration at 10 a.m.,
1st round, 11 a.m.

Class A, Tuesday, March 8, 2005
Registration at 9 a.m.,
1st round, 10 a.m.

Class B, Tuesday, March 8, 2005
Registration at 1 p.m.,
1st round, 2 p.m.

West Regional **Boise State University**

Class C, Monday, March 14, 2005
Registration at 10 a.m.
1st round, 11 a.m.

Class A, Tuesday, March 15, 2005
Registration at 8:30 a.m.
1st round 9:30 a.m.

Class B, Tuesday, March 15, 2005
Registration at 1 p.m.
1st round 2 p.m.

State Tournament **Boise Centre on the Grove**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005
Super Science Seminars Luncheon,
12 noon Class A, B and C

preliminary rounds. March 24, 2005 – Class A, B and C state championships, Idaho Public Television.

National Science Bowl

**National 4-H Center,
Washington, D.C.**
April 28 – May 2, 2005

Questions for Practice

Questions will soon be available to prepare your team for the regional tournaments. To request questions, call Kirk Sheppard toll free at 1-800-522-6310 or by e-mailing ineelst@ida.net. Kirk's contract with the INEEL under the title of Scholastic Services is a part-time job. Accordingly, please allow adequate time when requesting questions for your competitions and practices.

Name Change

On Feb. 1, 2005, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) will officially become the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Until all of the necessary paperwork and Web pages are changed, please be aware that some of the correspondence you receive from us between now and Feb. 1, and likely beyond, will refer to our competition as the INEEL Scholastic Tournament *and* INL Scholastic Tournament.

